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NEW HEALTH CARE CONCEPT

A new concept in health care education is being developed at Avila College in the area of medical technology. Following Avila's history of leadership in health education, it being the first college in Kansas City to offer a baccalaureate program in nursing, the college is now the first in Kansas City area to offer a four-year coordinated medical technology program. The medical technology program prepares the student to work in a hospital or diagnostic laboratory, a doctor's office or medical research doing the tests which assist the physician in making a diagnosis. The medical technologist is an integral member of the medical team.

In this new program students meeting the requirements at the end of the sophomore year will automatically go on to the junior year on campus and the senior clinical year in one of three area hospitals. This approach assures

the student of availability of clinical training during the fourth year. In programs offered by other area colleges and universities, the student medical technologist must attend the college or university for three years and then must apply, on his own, for one of the limited spaces available in hospital schools of medical technology for his senior clinical year. These openings are limited to the point that one of every ten applicants is currently being accepted for training. Under Avila's new medical technology program, students meeting the necessary requirements will be assured of a position at an area hospital for their clinical experience during the senior year. This program is in keeping with new trends in health care education and is much fairer to students. Applications for the program are being taken now by Mrs. Virginia Johnston, medical technology coordinator at Avila.

GERSHWIN MUSICAL SET FOR MARCH

Michael LaGue, as the president, and Jerry Stark, as the vice president, (left to right) share a light moment while members of the committee, Bruce Carr, John Yarnovich, John Savage and Steve Schopper (left to right) look on.



The Fine Arts department will present the Gershwin musical, "Of Thee I Sing," in the Actors Laboratory Theatre, O'Rielly Hall, on March 8-10 and 12-17. Performances will be at 8 p.m. with additional matinees at 2 p.m. on March 10 and 17. Tickets are \$3 for general admission and \$1.75 for students with identification cards. Reservations may be made by calling 942-3230 between 1 and 5 p.m. daily. Reservations must be picked up twenty minutes before the performance.

The Pulitzer prize-winning play sat-

irizes the American political scene, especially the offices of president and vice president. The production features Avila students and performers from the Kansas City community. Michael LaGue, senior, plays the role of President John Wintergreen, and Mary Guthnecht, freshman, plays Mary Turner. Diane Anderson, senior, is Diana Devereaux and Jerry Stark, Rockhurst high school teacher, plays Alexander Throttlebottom, the vice president.

Campus Ministry Team Formed



The Rev. Thomas Wiederholt has been appointed chaplain at Avila by the Most Reverend Charles H. Helmsing, Bishop of St. Joseph-Kansas City. Father Wiederholt joins Sr. Ruth Stuckel and Dr. Paul LeMaire of the religious studies department as members of the newly formed Campus Ministry team.

The Campus Ministry team this semester will be identifying students' needs and wishes for their spiritual life, working with organizations on campus in whatever capacity possible, and providing a variety of religious experiences for the Avila community.

The schedule for the semester includes an interfaith prayer service in the Chapel at noon on Monday, Masses on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in Carondelet Hall, and in the Chapel at noon on Friday, 4 p.m. on Saturday and 11:15 a.m. on Sunday. Prayer groups and a Bible study group are also meeting regularly. The team is working with students to draw up plans for the Lenten season.

Avila Nurses Receive Honor Society Charter

Avila College will receive a charter of Sigma Theta Tau, national honor society of nursing on March 15, at 7 p.m. in Marian Center. After two years of preparation for national recognition, Avila will become one of the nine colleges and universities to be honored this year. Mrs. William Riccardi (Betty Rinehart '58), first president of the newly formed chapter, Beta Lambda, will receive the charter from Miss Lil Larson, national second vice president and associate professor at the University of Kansas, School of Nursing. Mrs. Riccardi was a former assistant professor at Avila and is currently coordinator of Careers and International Affairs of the American Nurses' Association. Two other Avila alumnae being installed are Mrs. James Lindgren (Rose Ochoa '71) and Miss Norma Lewis '58, chairman of Avila's department of nursing.

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Income Tax Workshop Offered

An income tax workshop is being offered at Avila on March 4, 11 and 18. Participants will attend one workshop to learn how to prepare their own income tax and to learn the legitimate deductions for which they may be eligible.

There are no entrance requirements for enrollment in the non-credit workshop. Registration is open to everyone and may be done by mail. The fee for the workshop is \$10 per person and should be enclosed with the registration. Classes will meet from 6:30 to 10 p.m. in O'Reilly Hall.

Avila's second semester enrollment has increased to 1,135. The second semester enrollment one year ago was 948, and the fall 1973 enrollment was 1,067. Traditionally, colleges and universities experience drop in enrollment at second semester.

Upward Mobility Students Honored

A reception honoring the Upward Mobility College students and their families was held recently at Avila. The Upward Mobility College is part of the Upward Mobility Program for non-professional employees in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Avila College provides course work on-site in the Federal Building for approximately eighty participants. The students are enrolled in two to four courses. The college is presently teaching courses from 8 to 9:15 a.m., during the usual work hours and from 4:30 to 5:45 after work hours. Application processing and registration for the courses is also provided on-site. This is the second year Avila has provided the Upward Mobility College program.

SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE AT WORK

by Sr. Audrey Olson

The Congregation commission on sponsorship made recommendations last summer, some of which are the following: The lay members and sisters of the administrative staffs of our community-sponsored institutions must attend workshops to communicate to the participants the meaning of the Sisters of St. Joseph mission in our institutions, and the responsibilities that they are assuming to continue that mission. The Congregation requests every institution to work out an annual operating agreement between the institution and the Congregation which will include the philosophy of the institution as consistent with the message of the Gospel, the mind of the Church, and the mission of the sisters; the policy regarding the filling of such positions as that of chief executive officer and other administrative positions; the policy regarding religious personnel; and periodic reports. The institution must involve the sisters at the local level in the drawing up of the agreement. Long range goals of the institution must be submitted annually to the Congregation. The sisters are also asked to evaluate their service periodically, to determine whether or not such service deserves the Congregation's continued support. The Sisters of St. Joseph also hope to effect more financial independence of our institutions from the contributed salaries of our sisters at the same time that they make our sponsorship more viable and meaningful.

There is a local sponsorship committee at Avila College, which is composed of sisters who volunteered their services. So far, the committee has drawn up and submitted to the president and academic dean suggestions

for the philosophy section of the school catalog that are consistent with the philosophy of the Sisters of St. Joseph. The committee has also submitted other suggestions for revision of the catalog which will make it more in accord with the sisters' spirit and ideals. They have also initiated two prayer groups which meet from 8-8:15 a.m. and from 1-1:15 p.m. pray for the guidance of the Lord to show all of us how better to bring Christ's presence to this campus. The other portions of the sponsorship recommendations will be fulfilled by the Provincial Board in St. Louis and by the sisters here at Avila this year. We ask your continued support to help to make this a Catholic college where academic excellence is stressed and where the Sisters of St. Joseph's spirit and ideals are put into practice in the presence of the Lord.

Student Selected For Audition

Brenda Harden, Avila sophomore, was chosen recently to take part in auditions for the most promising actor or actress in the central region at the American College Theatre Festival at the University of Kansas on February 20-23.

Brenda was selected by area American Theatre Association critics for her role as Tillie in Avila's production of "The Effects of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds." The winner of the regional competition receives a \$500 scholarship from the Irene Ryan Foundation and an opportunity to compete in the national auditions in Washington, D.C., for one of two \$2,000 scholarships. The regional winner had not been announced at press time.